THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The Ministry of Women and Child Development has no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter is left to the initiative of the State Governments.

Exploitation of Women's Labour

†1080. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the age of consumerism culture has encourage the exploitation of women's labour;

(b) whether it is also a fact that violence against women has not decreased;

(c) if so, whether Government is taking steps to improve the condition of women; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Ministry of Women and Child Development has not undertaken any specific study in this respect.

(b) According to the information furnished by the National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, the total number of crimes registered in the country under IPC and special laws for women was 154333,155553 and 164765 during the year 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

(c) & (d) Action towards empowerment of women and to curb crimes against them is an ongoing exercise as detailed in the enclosed statement [Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to USQ 1070 part (b)].

Malnourishment of children

1081. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 44 per cent of children below three years to age in the country are malnourished and our country houses the largest number of malnourished people in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States where most malnourished children live; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) As per the National

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